

ITALIA E' FALLITA

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TUTONI DECIMATI

ROMA, 11 dicembre. Come del Presidente Wilson dato ad una delle principali vie della città eterna in segno di gratitudine a perenne ricordo dell'aiuto dall'America all'Italia nella guerra.

Una impressionante dimostrazione è stata svolta lunedì innanzi l'ambasciata austriaca in Roma, per celebrare la dichiarazione di guerra dell'America all'Austria. L'imponenza della dimostrazione fu tale da non trovare paragono nella storia della città.

ROMA, 11 dicembre. Nella notizia giunta dalla fronte di battaglia si apprende che i tanks hanno una importante parte nell'offensiva austro-tedesca in Italia. Nella disastrosa regione montagnosa tutto il corso del fiume Piave è presidiato da tanks.

Un impetuoso attacco è stato fatto contro le retroguardie arrestando il nemico fino a che le principali forze italiane ebbero raggiunto posizioni pressoché egualitarie.

In seguito all'ammassamento di artiglierie austro-tedesche un certo numero di tanks andarono perduti, ma con successo fu più che ricompensato dall'eccezionale risultato ottenuto. Di un distaccamento di 44 tanks, durante l'offensiva austro-tedesca nel Trentino, 20 si riuscirono a sfuggire.

Disposti giunti oggi a un'annata che è violento bombardamento al vertice in tutte le sezioni della fronte, ma pressoché evidente che gli invasori hanno desistito dall'operare attacchi con forti masse di uomini. Che anche dovute alle enormi perdite subite dai tanks sull'altipiano di Asiago, ove contingenti di fanterie furono fortemente decimati.

Prima che gli austro-tedeschi possano riorganizzare un'offensiva, occorre che essi ricompongano le divisioni comandate con altre truppe gli enormi vuoti verificatisi in seguito alla valorosa resistenza delle truppe italiane.

Infere di nave sono state segnalate sulle Alpi venete, impendendogli agli austro-tedeschi il trasporto dei rifornimenti sulla linea di battaglia.

Circa le operazioni compiute ieri l'altra si apprende, da un comunicato ufficiale pubblicato ieri dal ministero della guerra in Roma, che le fanterie austro-ungariche sono riuscite ad occupare la testa di ponte del fiume Sile, ad est di Caporetto, ma le truppe italiane con un brillante contrattacco riuscirono a metterle in fuga. Il nemico riuscendo a tutte le battute a catturare posizioni e munizioni.

In occasione dell'entrata in prima linea delle truppe anglo-francesi, il generale Diaz, comandante supremo delle forze italiane, ha emanato il seguente ordine del giorno:

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Il governo italiano si è visto nella necessità di prendere misure d'equità verso i propagandisti germanici. Giorni sono il giornalista romano Aldo Serbelloni è stato arrestato sotto l'accusa di aver condotto una campagna contro la guerra. Il Chierici sospeso alla famosa escursione di Caporetto è stato arrestato, prima che entrasse in guerra.

La polizia, dietro ordine dell'Autorità giudiziaria ha proceduto ad una perquisizione negli uffici del giornale socialista "Avanti" in Milano. Un membro della redazione è stato arrestato, come il segretario dell'organizzazione socialista milanese, il quale sembra sia stato arrestato nella falsificazione del passaporto.

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Theoretical Position Demolished by Sammees' Batteries in Maneuvers

TWO BANDITS STEAL \$60 FROM RESTAURANT

Hold Up Proprietor and Cook, Rifle Cash Register and Disappear in Auto

The Pappas restaurant at 3 Chester avenue, Darby, next door to the Darby postoffice, was held up and robbed \$60 early today by two men with an automobile who completed their job in two minutes and then sped away down Chester hills in the direction of Chester.

Only the night manager and waiter, Pete Popodobols, and the cook, a woman, were in the place at the time of the robbery. Two men between twenty and twenty-five years of age, one tall and thin and the other rather short, entered the place and asked to buy some cigars.

One man handed a quarter to Popodobols. He threw it into the cash register and took out change. When he looked up the man had his rifle and the cook covered with revolvers. One kept them covered while the other rifled the register.

When a warning that they would kill Popodobols and the cook if they tried to follow them or give an alarm, the men leaped into their car and sped away.

AUTO PRESIDENT RESIGNS

W. Ledyard Mitchell Becomes New Head of Maxwell Motor Co.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—At the regular meeting today of the board of directors of the Maxwell Motor Company, Inc., Walter E. Flinders resigned as president of the company to become chairman.

Mitchell was elected a director and president of the board of directors, and W. Ledyard James C. Brady, former chairman of the board of directors, will continue as a director of the company.

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REVIVES ALIENATION SUIT

The entry of a rule for judgment against Esther Moore, housekeeper for Dr. Frank B. Crowe, a physician residing at 722 South 33rd street, brings to light a suit for \$10,000 for alleged seduction of a girl.

Dr. Crowe is at the present time suing his wife for divorce upon statutory grounds.

Christmas Gifts for Soldiers

Four thousand Christmas gifts to the boys at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., have been started on their way through the Personal Service Bureau in City Hall.

The gifts, which have been piling up for more than a week, were from friends and relatives of the men in camp.

Westmoreland Coal Merger Voted

The plan for merger of the Penn Gas Coal Company and the Manor Gas Coal Company into the Westmoreland Coal Company was approved by the stockholders of those corporations at the special meetings today.

Out of a total 120,000 shares of Westmoreland stock outstanding, 98,000 shares were voted, all in favor of the merger. The merger becomes effective January 1, 1918.

ALL "PORK" TO BE CUT FROM WATERWAY PLANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Elimination of all new waterway projects except those of military value was forecast by chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee Small today just before entering a conference with President Wilson.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 11.

The Hindenburg line has been demolished by American artillery, but it is not the famous Hindenburg line that the English have been pounding so long. The Hindenburg line in question was a theoretical position set up with two others, known as the von Kluck line and the Berlin line, for artillery practice.

Barrage maneuvers were being worked out by a certain regiment of a newly arrived contingent, three batteries being used. The demonstration lasted nearly all day Sunday.

The artillery first took up a position on the ridge of a hill at 7 o'clock in the morning and registered shots on the von Kluck line, the first theoretical objective. Then the guns were turned against the Hindenburg line.

When the range was correct the infantry, which had been pouring into the valley between the two ridges, advanced up the hills and established their own trenches on top of the hill.

The artillery then opened a violent deluge, the seventy-five firing over the top of the hill and laying down a barrage on the von Kluck position.

The work was observed over the period watching the work. Meanwhile an airplane circled overhead, directing the range by wireless.

The men left their trenches and the firing ceased. Shortly it was resumed, however, this time on the Hindenburg line, of which the Berlin position was the center.

The whole line was liberally sprinkled with shells, while the American infantrymen watched from the hillside.

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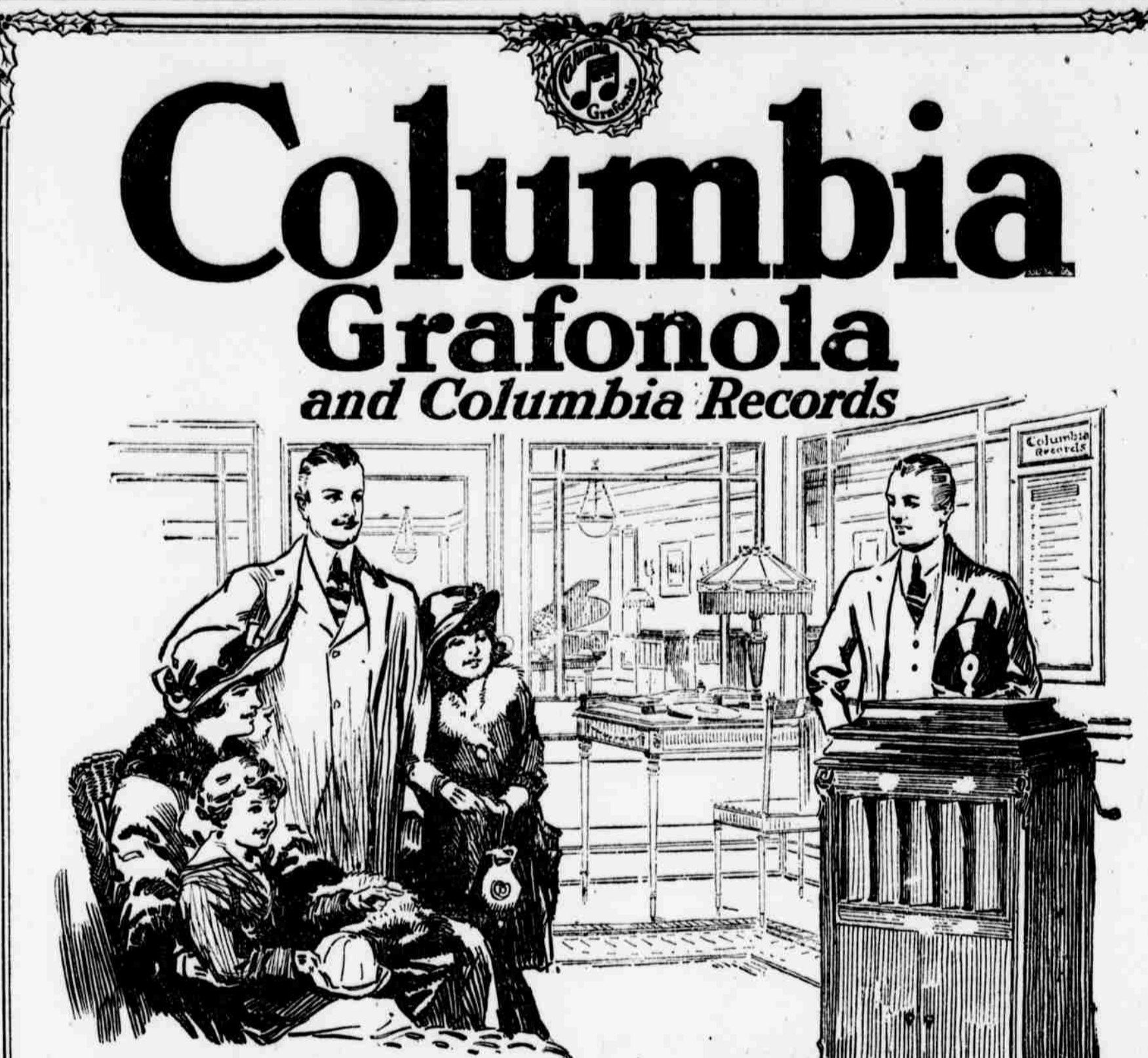
Sugar Production Hampered Considerably by Lack of Workmen

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—

Ability to obtain machinery and a shortage of labor have considerably hampered the sugar industry in Cuba, Harold Harry, general manager of the United Fruit Company's plant at Hanes, Cuba, says.

Grinding of the sugar is progressing favorably, however, and Cuban shipments should arrive here after January 1, Mr. Harry added.

So grave was the labor shortage, according to Mr. Harry, that President Menocal, of Cuba, offered all kinds of inducements to residents of other islands to come to Cuba. Haiti has sent a number of workers to aid the sugar industry.



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